

NEW SOUTH WALES.

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# MONTHLY SUMMARY OF BUSINESS STATISTICS

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## SECTION A.—RAINFALL AND PRODUCTION.

## 1. RAINFALL—INDEX.

Index showing Weighted Average Ratio of Actual to Normal Rainfall.

(Average rainfall for each month = 100.)

Month.	Sheep Districts.					Wheat Districts.				Dairying Districts (Coastal only).			
	N.	C.	S.	W.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.
1947. December ...	168	285	306	174	247	173	325	319	302	176	262	256	208
1948. January ...	99	107	110	49	99	104	115	95	101	88	150	220	121
February ...	82	211	252	138	180	74	222	253	222	42	66	99	56
March ...	144	90	21	72	81	136	82	16	48	141	151	36	130
April ...	80	102	145	75	107	90	112	140	126	92	40	71	76
May ...	145	138	120	129	133	117	123	102	109	123	117	186	129
June ...	202	204	102	214	171	168	171	111	134	363	194	156	293
July ...	79	23	33	28	43	73	19	35	36	20	29	17	23
August ...	53	68	50	70	58	50	67	52	56	58	41	14	48
September ...	131	113	70	72	100	129	91	72	84	167	185	40	155
October ...	27	40	119	55	64	26	49	110	84	6	20	81	19
November ...	81	65	98	49	79	74	61	102	88	96	46	60	78
December ...	96	71	126	106	100	111	79	123	110	63	72	98	70
1949. January ...	95	83	55	41	73	111	78	52	66	83	147	126	105

N.—Northern; C.—Central; S.—Southern; W.—Western; T.—Total, all districts.

## 2. WOOL.

The total production of wool in New South Wales was 422,260,000 lb. in 1947-48, compared with 432,621,000 lb. in 1946-47 and an average of 492,436,000 lb. in the five seasons 1941-42 to 1945-46.

The average price of greasy wool sold at auction in New South Wales was 37·9d. per lb. in the year ended June, 1948, compared with 23·6d. per lb. in 1946-47. Comparable average price (subject to revision) was 47d. per lb. in Sept., 1948; 43·5d. in Oct.; 48·5d. in Nov.; and 53d. in December.

## NEW SOUTH WALES WOOL SALES (EXCLUDING ALBURY).

Selling Centre.	Season.	Bales Received into Store during—		Sales at Auction during Six Months ended 31st December.*			Bales in Store Unsold at 31st Dec.†
		December.	Six months ended 31st Dec.	Bales.		Amount Realised.	
				Greasy.	Scoured.		
		No.	No.	No.	No.	£	No.
Sydney ...	1946-47	67,454	739,528	338,355	37,554	10,611,785	373,318
	1947-48	59,723	663,811	341,728	51,265	17,310,428	301,536
	1948-49	77,314	796,293	396,384	40,311	25,907,881	368,225
Newcastle	1946-47	9,338	135,862	76,880	46	2,107,746	60,103
	1947-48	8,022	122,436	83,575	25	3,928,609	39,405
	1948-49	10,385	144,030	86,714	...	5,231,140	52,392
Goulburn	1946-47	6,247	40,382	16,703	...	546,626	23,689
	1947-48	6,342	42,130	16,175	...	774,216	26,266
	1948-49	6,878	51,038	16,982	...	1,090,822	34,224
Total ...	1946-47	83,039	915,772	431,938	37,600	13,266,157	457,110
	1947-48	74,087	828,377	441,478	51,290	22,013,253	367,207
	1948-49	94,577	991,361	500,080	40,311	32,229,843	454,841

\*Includes small quantities of wool bought-in by the Joint Organisation; sales from stocks held by J.O. are excluded.

†Excluding stocks held by J.O.



## 3. WHEAT.

Production in New South Wales. Compiled from returns of wheatgrowers.

Season.	Area under Wheat.		Yield of Grain.	
	Total.	Harvested For Grain.	Total.	Average per Acre.
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Average—1934-35 to 1943-44 ...	4,296,000	3,937,000	51,635,000	13·1
1944-45 ...	3,174,000	2,845,000	17,134,000	6·0
1945-46 ...	4,213,000	3,774,000	62,520,000	16·6
1946-47 ...	4,773,000	4,475,000	15,682,000	3·5
1947-48 ...	5,355,000	5,043,000	95,227,000	18·9
1948-49* ...	4,570,000	4,280,000	66,000,000	15·4

\* Preliminary estimate by Statistician, February, 1949.

## 4. BUTTER OUTPUT—N.S.W. FACTORIES.

Month.	Average, 1937-38 to 1939-40.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.
Thousand lb.							
July ...	5,061	3,313	2,462	3,286	2,641	3,004	2,701
August ...	5,361	3,279	3,065	4,008	2,758	2,833	3,435
September ...	7,093	4,933	5,397	5,007	3,254	4,025	4,623
October ...	10,107	8,626	8,483	7,557	4,446	6,464	7,309
November ...	13,128	11,553	8,169	7,387	5,070	6,858	7,456
December ...	13,471	13,079	7,532	8,820	6,372	10,628	8,336
January ...	12,310	12,821	8,004	8,146	6,386	11,369	...
February ...	11,816	10,184	6,769	8,146	7,384	8,689	...
March ...	11,370	8,440	8,261	8,498	8,051	8,214	...
April ...	10,044	5,165	5,811	6,185	5,741	6,146	...
May ...	8,145	3,870	4,477	4,468	4,458	4,753	...
June ...	6,024	2,594	3,287	2,772	3,824	3,083	...
Year ...	113,930	87,857	71,722	74,280	60,385	76,066	...
Six Months ended December .....	54,221	44,783	35,113	36,065	24,541	33,812	33,860

## 5. COAL PRODUCTION IN N.S.W.—Thousand Tons.

Source—Joint Coal Board.

Periods of Four Weeks. ‡	Last day of Period. (1949 dates.)	1942.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
First Period ended on ...	24th Jan.	22nd Jan.	20th Jan.	19th Jan.	1st Feb.	31st Jan.	29th Jan.	
First* ...	29th Jan.	731	625	640	519	859†	539	519§
Second ...	26th Feb.	933	774	867	860	796	918	...
Third ...	26th Mar.	981	781	893	913	833	860	...
Fourth ...	23rd April	886	782	755	859	804	964	...
Fifth ...	21st May	1,003	930	791	674	773	878	...
Sixth ...	18th June	965	866	914	906	990	883	...
Seventh ...	16th July	918	884	846	798	992	941	...
Eighth ...	13th Aug.	953	884	914	846	995	984	...
Ninth ...	10th Sept.	1,028	880	778	911	994	1,061	...
Tenth ...	8th Oct.	984	970	842	975	979	1,024	...
Eleventh ...	5th Nov.	973	870	759	1,017	1,092	696	...
Twelfth ...	3rd Dec.	965	891	869	976	1,130	1,134	...
Thirteenth ...	31st Dec.	886	906	308	932	446*	830*	...
Year ...		12,206	11,043	10,176	11,186	11,683	11,721	...
Output—"Open Cuts" incl. above...		56	180	523	756	959	1,255	...
Period of 4 weeks ended—	24th Jan.	22nd Jan.	20th Jan.	19th Jan.	1st Feb.	31st Jan.	29th Jan.	
Northern District ...	479	393	393	326	548	345	338	
Western District ...	103	81	96	72	139	97	91	
Southern District‡ ...	149	151	151	121	172	97	90	
Total (4 weeks)‡ ...	731	625	640	519	859	539	519§	
Output—"Open Cuts" incl. above .....		6	24	29	61	56	54§	

\* Miners' mid-summer holidays were:—In 1st period—1942, Public holidays only; 1944 and 1945, one week; 1946, two weeks; 1948, one week; 1949, two weeks; and in 13th period—1947, two weeks; 1948, one week. † Four-weekly periods changed.

‡ The four-weekly periods Southern District ended a week later than in other districts in years 1942 to 1947.

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## SECTION B.—BUILDING INDUSTRY.

## 6. PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT BUILDING IN N.S.W.—ESTIMATED COST.

(New Buildings, Alterations and Additions.)

*Private building* figures relate in years marked (a) to permits issued by local councils of Sydney and Suburbs, 129 country towns and 7 extra-metropolitan Shires; and in periods marked (b) to permits issued by all local councils.

*Government building* figures relate to contracts let and works authorised or commenced by Commonwealth, State or local authorities.

Period.	Metropolis.			Remainder of State (a) and (b).			Total, New South Wales.		
	Private.	Govt.	Total.	Private.	Govt.	Total.	Private.	Govt.	Total.
Year.	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1940 (a)	11,718	894	12,612	4,887	2,672	7,559	16,605	3,566	20,171
1941 (a)	10,847	1,725	12,572	4,758	2,904	7,662	15,605	4,629	20,234
1942 (a)	1,446	1,371	2,817	1,079	3,932	5,011	2,525	5,303	7,828
1943 (a)	1,361	3,109	4,470	508	1,574	2,082	1,869	4,683	6,552
1944 (a)	1,603	1,606	3,209	869	2,304	3,173	2,472	3,910	6,382
1945 (a)	5,271	3,662	8,933	4,630	1,638	6,268	9,901	5,300	15,201
1946 (a)	18,070	3,794	21,864	13,506	2,651	16,157	31,576	6,445	38,021
1947 (a)	20,252	4,299	24,551	16,596	3,023	19,619	36,848	7,322	44,170
1947 (b)	20,252	4,299	24,551	21,565	3,023	24,588	41,817	7,322	49,139
1948 (b)	22,595	6,244	28,839	26,848	5,099	31,947	49,443	11,343	60,786
Month (b)									
1947—Oct.	1,533	281	1,814	1,844	252	2,096	3,377	533	3,910
Nov.	1,585	269	1,854	1,883	275	2,158	3,468	544	4,012
Dec.	1,314	296	1,610	1,481	283	1,764	2,795	579	3,374
1948—Oct.	1,822	711	2,533	2,362	762	3,124	4,184	1,473	5,657
Nov.	1,975	559	2,534	2,528	291	2,819	4,503	850	5,353
Dec.	2,110	341	2,451	2,094	372	2,466	4,204	713	4,917

(a) and (b) see notes above table.

## 7. PRIVATE BUILDING, PERMITS ISSUED BY COUNCILS, N.S.W.—ESTIMATED COST.

(New Buildings, Alterations and Additions.)

Period.	County of Cumberland.					Remainder of State (a) and (b)	Total, New South Wales.
	City of Sydney.	Suburbs of Sydney.	Metropolis.	Balance of Cumberland.	Total.		
Year.	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1939 (a)	1,886	10,334	12,220	1,360	13,580	4,002	17,582
1940 (a)	1,534	10,184	11,718	1,417	13,135	3,470	16,605
1941 (a)	552	10,295	10,847	1,488	12,335	3,270	15,605
1942 (a)	271	1,175	1,446	199	1,645	880	2,525
1943 (a)	249	1,112	1,361	139	1,500	369	1,869
1944 (a)	332	1,271	1,603	353	1,956	516	2,472
1945 (a)	264	5,007	5,271	2,677	7,948	1,953	9,901
1946 (a)	1,213	16,857	18,070	6,830	24,900	6,676	31,576
1947 (a)	1,315	18,937	20,252	7,944	28,196	8,652	36,848
1947 (b)	1,315	18,937	20,252	7,944	28,196	13,621	41,817
1948 (b)	1,228	21,397	22,595	10,745	33,340	16,103	49,443
Month (b)							
1947—Oct.	32	1,501	1,533	648	2,181	1,196	3,377
Nov.	180	1,405	1,585	783	2,368	1,100	3,468
Dec.	158	1,156	1,314	443	1,757	1,038	2,795
1948—Oct.	147	1,675	1,822	951	2,773	1,411	4,184
Nov.	66	1,909	1,975	986	2,961	1,542	4,503
Dec.	374	1,736	2,110	816	2,926	1,278	4,204

(a) and (b) see notes above Table 6.

# 8. PRINCIPAL CLASSES OF BUILDING—PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT—N.S.W.— ESTIMATED COST.

(New Buildings, Alterations and Additions.)

Period.	Houses.	Flats (inc. conversions)	Hotels, Guest Houses, etc.	Shops with Dwellings.	Shops only.	Factories.	Other Buildings.	Total.
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
<i>Metropolis.</i>								
Year, 1946 ...	14,387	681	200	111	501	3,942	2,042	21,864
" 1947 ...	16,523	1,373	167	163	184	3,471	2,670	24,551
" 1948 ...	19,882	1,774	86	271	180	3,676	2,970	28,839
<i>Months</i>								
1947—October ...	1,478	103	.....	2	7	143	81	1,814
November ...	1,402	87	.....	15	3	209	78	1,854
December ...	1,136	173	.....	21	12	99	169	1,610
1948—October .....	1,633	130	1	5	12	199	553	2,533
November ...	1,808	158	7	12	13	325	211	2,534
December ...	1,520	115	55	2	10	284	465	2,451
<i>Remainder of State.</i>								
Year, 1946 (a) ...	12,606	170	231	243	231	638	2,038	16,157
" 1947 (a) ...	16,127	247	292	224	310	738	1,681	19,619
" 1947 (b) ...	20,516	300	313	306	386	849	1,918	24,588
" 1948 (b) ...	26,337	493	161	296	175	1,748	2,737	31,947
<i>Months (b)</i>								
1947—October .....	1,856	10	...	11	21	64	134	2,096
November ...	1,924	21	1	17	7	68	120	2,158
December ...	1,495	2	85	47	14	3	118	1,764
1948—October .....	2,426	26	8	22	16	175	451	3,124
November ...	2,507	20	14	20	22	57	179	2,819
December ...	2,105	9	16	25	9	44	258	2,466
<i>Total, New South Wales.</i>								
Year, 1946 (a) ...	26,993	851	431	354	732	4,580	4,080	38,021
" 1947 (a) ...	32,650	1,620	459	387	494	4,209	4,351	44,179
" 1947 (b) ...	37,039	1,673	480	469	570	4,320	4,588	49,139
" 1948 (b) ...	46,219	2,267	247	567	355	5,424	5,707	60,786
<i>Months (b)</i>								
1947—October .....	3,334	113	.....	13	28	207	215	3,910
November ...	3,326	108	1	10	10	337	198	4,012
December ...	2,631	175	85	68	26	102	287	3,374
1948—October .....	4,059	156	9	27	28	374	1,004	5,657
November ...	4,315	178	21	32	35	382	390	5,353
December ...	3,625	124	71	27	19	328	723	4,917

(a) and (b) see notes above Table 6.

# 9. DWELLINGS IN HOUSES AND FLATS—AUTHORISED, COMMENCED, COMPLETED.

(Private and Government, including owner-built houses, but excluding some new houses on farms and military huts converted into temporary dwellings.)

Period.	County of Cumberland.			Total, New South Wales.		
	Authorised.	Commenced.	Completed.	Authorised.	Commenced.	Completed.
<i>No.</i>						
1946—Sept. Qtr. ...	5,002	2,600*	1,650*	7,529	4,705	2,719
Dec. Qtr. ...	4,229	2,675*	2,150*	6,482	4,208	3,437
1947—March Qtr. ...	4,081	2,590	1,603	6,660	4,454	2,774
June Qtr. ...	4,699	2,996	2,061	7,644	5,016	3,414
Sept. Qtr. ...	5,006	3,259	2,328	7,972	5,204	3,620
Dec. Qtr. ...	4,156	3,045	2,236	6,973	4,911	3,748
Year 1947 ...	17,942	11,890	8,228	29,249	19,585	13,556
1948—March Qtr. ...	3,876	3,124	2,115	6,499	4,772	3,640
June Qtr. ...	5,025	3,832	2,613	8,232	6,013	4,407
Sept. Qtr. ...	4,616	3,952	2,897	7,782	6,219	4,571

\* Exclusive of flats.

"Authorised" means permits issued for private houses plus contracts let for Governmental houses.

At end of September, 1948, there were 22,475 dwellings in houses and flats "remaining uncompleted" in N.S.W.

## SECTION C.—TRADE.

## 10. WHOLESALE TRADE.

Approximate Amount of Sales (N.S.W.) by Traders Registered under Sales Tax Acts.  
Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.

Period.	1939.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
Million £.									
Year.	200-29	229-03	238-65	240-54	251-40	251-74	299-76	347-46	...
January ...	13-24	15-83	18-69	17-18	18-01	18-62	17-62	21-70	25-22
February ...	16-54	17-48	19-39	21-60	20-48	21-48	21-72	26-28	30-33
March ...	15-78	17-40	19-53	19-44	18-00	21-75	22-33	24-22	33-20
April ...	15-79	19-06	19-19	21-88	21-68	20-81	26-88	27-32	33-82
May ...	17-46	18-75	20-72	19-56	21-45	22-24	25-21	30-33	35-61
June ...	14-88	21-76	18-93	20-91	20-67	19-40	23-58	27-98	34-69
July ...	15-28	17-63	19-17	19-81	20-87	22-01	25-74	27-82	35-27
August ...	16-81	20-41	20-86	18-75	23-82	20-22	28-74	32-11	39-71
September ...	19-44	21-60	19-59	19-93	21-46	23-72	28-97	32-00	39-15
October ...	19-22	18-25	22-06	20-80	21-82	22-36	26-56	30-89	37-48
November ...	17-53	20-58	19-54	21-07	20-30	} 39-13 {	24-65	32-66	39-41
December...	18-32	20-28	20-98	19-61	22-84		27-76	34-15	...

## 11. RETAIL TRADE.

Returns collected by the Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau in conjunction with the Commonwealth Bank from the principal Sydney stores indicate the following increases or decreases per cent. for periods shown below compared with corresponding periods of previous year:—

Period.	Number of Business Days in Period.		Net Sales (Value).	Value of Stock.	Wages and Salaries Paid.	Number of Employees.	Three Monthly Moving Average ended month shown.	
	Previous Year.	Current Year.					Net Sales (Value).	Wages and Salaries Paid
Percentage increase + or decrease —								
Year.								
1939 ... ..	303	303	+ 2'4	+ 2'0	+ 2'6	+ 0'9		
1940 ... ..	303	305	+ 6'3	+ 17'0	+ 4'0	+ 1'9		
1941 ... ..	305	304	+ 14'6	+ 8'0	+ 9'0	+ 4'0		
1942 ... ..	304	303	— 5'3	+ 9'2	— 5'1	— 8'4		
1943 ... ..	303	306	— 11'3	— 6'8	— 9'7	— 17'6		
1944 ... ..	306	302	+ 3'2	— 0'2	— 4'6	+ 1'4		
1945 ... ..	302	301	+ 15'8	+ 11'1	+ 6'7	+ 5'0		
1946 ... ..	301	302	+ 32'2	+ 3'8	+ 28'0	+ 20'0		
1947 ... ..	302	302	+ 18'7	+ 32'5	+ 21'5	+ 8'6		
1947.								
November ...	26	25	+ 8'9	+ 27'5	+ 19'9	+ 5'6	+ 23'8	+ 19'7
December ...	24	24	+ 18'8	+ 26'2	+ 22'1	+ 5'1	+ 17'1	+ 20'0
1948.								
January ... ..	25	25	+ 23'8	+ 24'1	+ 16'9	+ 6'3	+ 16'7	+ 19'7
February ... ..	24	24	+ 15'0	+ 23'5	+ 25'0	+ 8'6	+ 19'1	+ 21'3
March ... ..	26	24	+ 19'6	+ 20'8	+ 16'0	+ 7'0	+ 19'5	+ 19'1
April ... ..	22	25	+ 35'2	+ 29'4	+ 22'9	+ 8'4	+ 24'0	+ 21'1
May ... ..	27	26	+ 11'9	+ 26'4	+ 20'3	+ 8'4	+ 21'8	+ 19'7
June ... ..	24	25	+ 9'7	+ 26'6	+ 23'5	+ 7'2	+ 18'5	+ 22'2
July ... ..	27	27	+ 30'4	+ 19'0	+ 19'8	+ 5'7	+ 16'4	+ 21'1
August ... ..	26	26	+ 19'3	+ 17'1	+ 23'8	+ 5'8	+ 19'1	+ 22'3
September ... ..	26	26	+ 1'9	+ 17'3	+ 19'6	+ 3'9	+ 15'6	+ 21'1
October ... ..	26	25	+ 4'2	+ 15'6	+ 16'7	+ 3'3	+ 8'3	+ 20'0
November ... ..	25	26	+ 19'8	+ 13'6	+ 20'9	+ 5'7	+ 8'2	+ 19'1

Further particulars of monthly employment in retail trade are shown in Table 28.

## SECTION D.—TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC.

### 12. RAILWAYS.

#### NEW SOUTH WALES RAILWAYS REVENUE AND BUSINESS.

The financial results of operations were:—

	Month of December.			Six Months ended 31st December.		
	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1946 ...	2,603,774	2,049,036	554,738	15,288,797	12,249,917	3,038,880
1947 ...	3,241,711	2,563,346	678,365	17,873,152	14,636,317	3,236,835
1948 ...	3,445,947	2,977,902	468,045	19,715,003	16,883,380	2,831,623

\* Excluding capital charges, such as interest, exchange, etc.

† Excluding Government contribution, £800,000 annually, for developmental lines.

	Month of December.		Six Months ended 31st December.	
	Tonnage of Goods (exc. Livestock).	Passenger Journeys.	Tonnage of Goods (exc. Livestock).	Passenger Journeys.
	thousands	thousands.	thousands.	thousands.
1946 ...	1,185	22,269	8,575	129,231
1947 ...	1,457	22,042	9,066	130,391
1948 ...	1,454	21,420	8,941	130,619

Railway passenger fares and freight rates were increased from 13th August, 1947.

### 13. TRAMWAYS AND OMNIBUSES.

#### SERVICES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ROAD TRANSPORT, NEW SOUTH WALES.

PERIOD.	SYDNEY AND SUBURBS.					NEWCASTLE AND SUBURBS.		
	Earnings.			Working Expenses.*	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.	Earnings.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.
	Tram.	'Bus.	Total.					
Month of December—	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1946 ...	352,200	121,400	473,600	461,400	12,200	52,100	49,900	2,200
1947 ...	428,000	188,900	616,900	611,000	5,900	67,300	67,500	(-) 200
1948† ...	446,100	277,900	724,000	642,000	82,000	81,200	75,000	6,200
Six Months ended 31st December—								
1946 ...	2,036,800	711,600	2,748,400	2,738,700	9,700	293,100	292,100	1,000
1947 ...	2,534,600	965,700	3,500,300	3,394,300	106,000	367,700	365,900	1,800
1948† ...	2,319,500	1,406,200	3,725,700	3,754,100	(-) 28,400	404,400	413,400	(-) 9,000

\* Exclusive of Sinking Fund, Interest on Loan Capital, Exchange and Depreciation (Sydney and Newcastle), which amounted to £634,816 in year 1947-48.

† Earnings July-December, 1948, include £115,000 (Sydney £103,000, Newcastle £12,000) from Consolidated Revenue Fund in respect of fare concessions to school children, age pensioners, etc.

Fares on tramways and Government omnibuses were increased from 1st July, 1947 and 29th November, 1948.



## 14. MOTOR VEHICLES.

## NUMBER OF REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES (N.S.W.) AS AT VARIOUS DATES

(Exclusive of Vehicles of Defence Services.)

Class.	1939.	1942.	1945.	1947.	1948.			
	31st August.	30th June.*	31st August.	31st December.	30th June.	31st October.	30th November.	31st December.
Cars ...	216,633	169,916	185,665	205,923	213,700	222,071	223,703	225,412
Lorries, Utilities and Vans ...	77,639	71,248	84,257	121,662	127,413	132,278	133,468	134,620
Tractors† ...	1,102	1,366	1,787	2,820	3,398	3,813	3,934	3,996
Cycles—Solo ...	17,111	10,538	12,319	21,110	23,501	25,337	25,852	26,454
Cycles—Side-car ...	6,884	4,785	4,076	6,208	6,575	6,793	6,870	6,944
Omnibuses‡ ...	794	890	1,039	1,349	1,436	1,455	1,504	1,536
Taxi-cabs‡ ...	1,331	1,352	1,351	1,580	1,632	1,644	1,647	1,645
Traders' Plates ...	1,187	708	662	1,289	1,438	1,598	1,620	1,637
Trailers ...	6,538	6,965	9,187	17,057	18,317	19,117	19,432	20,181
Total ..	329,219	267,768	300,343	379,088	397,410	414,106	418,030	422,425

## MONTHLY REGISTRATIONS OF NEW VEHICLES IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

(Ex-Service Vehicles are not included.)

Period.	Number of New Vehicles Registered.							
	Cars.	Lorries, Utilities and Vans.	Tractors. †	Cycles.	Omnibuses. ‡	Taxi-cabs. ‡	Trailers.	Total.
Monthly Average—								
1937-1939 ...	1,748	721	15	191	12	47	99	2,833
1942-1945 ...	36	179	13	13	4	2	73	320
1946 ...	320	404	25	170	4	...	204	1,127
1947 ...	1,018	633	31	265	23	5	250	2,225
1948 ...	1,800	846	60	523	29	16	266	3,540
Month—								
1947-December...	1,248	876	49	366	36	4	579	3,158
1948-March ...	1,398	690	55	518	24	16	221	2,922
June ...	1,852	912	68	418	28	19	150	3,447
July ...	2,190	929	72	511	21	16	155	3,894
August ...	2,479	985	74	631	37	17	216	4,439
September	2,253	1,099	77	520	53	15	232	4,249
October ...	2,096	936	68	548	34	27	245	3,954
November...	1,795	975	72	669	50	21	309	3,891
December...	1,783	996	49	701	31	16	692	4,268

\* Lowest wartime cars; lowest lorries and vans (70,724) in October, 1942. † Excluding tractors used on farms only.

‡ Metropolitan and Newcastle Districts only; similar vehicles in other districts are included as cars.

## 15. WIRELESS LICENSES.

## BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENSES IN FORCE IN N.S.W.

End of Month.	1939.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January ...	423,649	564,184	570,080	608,306	699,023
February ...	427,211	563,702	570,952	606,880	702,658
March ...	427,964	563,791	573,205	616,114	702,890
April ...	428,848	567,295	576,218	618,385	710,944
May ...	431,149	571,616	575,144	663,518	693,550
June ...	433,029	572,697	575,864	679,505	699,259
July ...	433,972	573,078	580,747	686,633	703,745
August ...	431,029	572,893	583,172	691,944	703,963
September ...	432,795	568,280	585,985	698,312	704,106
October ...	435,573	571,656	588,321	698,539	705,866
November ...	440,335	573,637	591,001	698,416	712,152
December ...	441,934	571,790	598,643	703,577	710,542

## SECTION E.—FINANCIAL.

## 16. COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER.

Revenue.	1947.	1948.	Expenditure.	1947.	1948.
<b>Taxes—</b>	million £.		<b>Social Services*—</b>	million £.	
Customs and Excise ...	59'42	62'76	Invalid, Age Pensions ...	18'51	19'39
Sales ... ..	17'23	19'87	Widows' Pensions ...	1'95	2'19
Income and Social Services	89'40	90'03	Child Endowment ...	9'46	10'75
Payroll ... ..	7'92	9'58	Hospital Benefits ...	2'21	2'38
Estate ... ..	2'22	2'03	Other ... ..	2'16	2'28
Entertainments ...	2'47	2'47	Payments to States ...	10'36	12'51
Other ... ..	0'64	0'65	Tax Reimbursed to States	17'71	20'15
<b>Total Taxes</b> ... ..	179'30	187'39	Post Office ... ..	13'53	16'89
Post Office ... ..	15'73	16'43	Other ... ..	42'34	51'04
Other ... ..	9'47	22'90	Defence and Post-War ...	84'43	89'87
<b>Total Revenue</b> ... ..	204'50	226'72	<b>Total Expenditure</b> ...	202'66	227'45

\* Actual Expenditure from National Welfare Fund.

Expenditure from Loan Fund (other than Defence and Post-War which is included above) in the six months ended December, consisted of advances to States for Housing, £5,660,000 in 1947, and £7,352,000 in 1948.

## 17. N.S.W. GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER.

Revenue.	1947.	1948.	Expenditure.	1947.	1948.
	£000	£000		£000	£000
<b>From Commonwealth—</b>			<b>Interest, Exchange and Sink-</b>		
Towards Interest ...	1,459	1,459	ing Fund ... ..	8,326	8,646
Reimbursement of Taxes...	7,420	8,808	Less—Recoups from other		
Hospital Benefits ...	590	600	Activities ... ..	987	990
Stamp and Probate Duty ...	3,596	3,959	Net Debt Charges ...	7,339	7,656
Other Taxes ... ..	912	1,163	Other than Debt Charges—		
Land ... ..	982	977	Governmental ... ..	14,586	16,691
Services ... ..	843	961	Business Undertakings ..	18,986	21,554
Other ... ..	2,208	2,582			
<b>Total Governmental</b>	18,010	20,509			
<b>Business Undertakings</b> ...	22,197	24,557			
<b>Total Revenue</b> ... ..	40,207	45,066	<b>Total Expenditure</b> ...	40,911	45,901

Loan expenditure on works and services during the six months ended December was gross £8,911,000 and net (i.e., gross less repayments to loan account) £8,655,000 in 1948, compared with gross £6,842,000 and net £6,712,000 in 1947.

## 18. NINE TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ASSETS IN AUSTRALIA.

Deposits and assets *in Australia* of the nine banks which transact most of the private banking business in N.S.W. are shown below; the amounts are monthly averages of weekly figures.

Month.	Deposits.	Cash Items.*	Treasury Bills.	Government and Municipal Securities.	Special Deposits with Commonwealth Bank.	Advances, etc.
million £.						
1939—June ...	318.0	28.6	23.9	22.1	.....	291.7
1940 „ ...	345.4	31.1	38.3	43.7	.....	289.9
1941 „ ...	360.0	33.3	36.1	61.9	.....	283.7
1942 „ ...	387.9	40.4	39.6	56.3	36.4	268.3
1943 „ ...	453.5	33.4	50.8	75.7	102.9	246.0
1944 „ ...	534.5	38.0	55.4	89.1	182.8	221.8
1945 „ ...	582.5	36.5	40.5	104.3	241.8	207.9
1946 „ ...	627.1	32.3	40.0	122.7	258.5	224.3
1947 „ ...	648.3	34.4	13.8	80.6	275.4	280.7
1948 „ ...	716.8	45.6	19.1	59.5	293.0	348.8
1947—						
September...	638.9	46.2	14.1	75.6	236.3	315.8
October ...	651.9	45.8	16.2	73.6	239.1	324.7
November ...	659.3	42.3	14.2	65.8	248.7	332.7
December ...	668.6	43.5	11.4	61.8	259.5	335.9
1948—						
September...	719.0	54.3	20.2	59.2	267.4	363.4
October ...	742.3	52.9	26.9	58.4	270.0	372.6
November ...	764.1	49.3	28.6	60.5	286.8	373.6
December ...	788.6	50.3	30.0	61.2	304.6	371.5

\* Excluding London Funds.

## 19. TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES—N.S.W. AND AUSTRALIA

There are 14 trading banks in N.S.W., viz., 9 to which Table 18 relates, the Commonwealth Bank, Rural Bank and 3 oversea banks; four other banks operate in Australia but not in N.S.W. Comparable figures for N.S.W. are not available prior to September, 1945.

Month.	Nine Trading Banks—N.S.W.				All Trading Banks*.			
	Deposits.			Advances, etc.	New South Wales.		Australia.	
	Not Bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.		Deposits.	Advances, etc.	Deposits.	Advances etc.
million £.								
1945—September ...	140.5	79.9	220.4	84.0	255.7	104.8	644.0	239.0
December ...	148.1	78.3	226.4	85.3	265.1	106.2	675.5	240.2
1946—March ...	162.5	76.9	239.4	85.1	280.2	105.7	707.4	248.5
June ...	163.1	74.1	237.2	90.6	277.8	111.6	698.5	259.5
September ...	165.2	74.1	239.3	97.4	279.6	126.0	694.0	285.6
December ...	170.1	74.7	244.8	104.4	286.3	133.0	708.4	303.5
1947—March ...	174.1	73.3	247.4	107.8	289.8	136.5	731.5	312.8
June ...	174.6	69.7	244.3	116.5	286.8	144.8	722.7	336.0
September ...	170.0	71.8	241.8	128.2	283.1	157.1	710.0	362.9
December ...	179.8	70.6	250.4	138.7	293.3	169.4	742.6	385.6
1948—January ...	182.5	69.7	252.2	139.7	294.2	180.2†	746.6	397.0†
March ...	193.2	68.9	262.1	137.2	307.6	179.1	785.2	395.1
May ...	197.1	68.5	265.6	137.9	312.7	182.4	789.0	408.5
June ...	197.5	67.9	265.4	142.9	313.1	186.2	798.8	412.0
July ...	189.5	67.6	257.1	148.4	303.8	192.6	778.5	426.9
August ...	187.2	66.8	254.0	147.3	300.4	191.5	767.3	428.0
September ...	199.8	68.1	267.9	148.1	316.9	190.9	802.5	429.7
October ...	207.0	71.1	278.1	150.7	329.5*	201.5*	828.8*	455.5*
November ...	214.6	71.2	285.8	151.0	337.9	202.5	852.6	458.6
December ...	223.8	73.1	296.9	149.7	351.2	202.3	880.0	458.6

\* From October, 1948, includes, in respect of *Commonwealth Bank*, General Banking, Rural Credits, Mortgage and Industrial Finance Departments; in earlier figures General Banking Division only is included.

† Rural Bank advances included in this table were £14.7m. in December, 1947, and £24.5m. in January, 1948; the latter figure included for first time Advances for Homes and Personal Loans.

## 20. SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS (NEW SOUTH WALES).\*

As at 30th June.	Amount of Deposits.†	End of Month.	Amount of Deposits.				
			1939.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	£000		£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1937 ...	81,952	January	86,824	181,801	224,705	230,924	231,430
1938 ...	86,016	February	86,591	184,725	228,711	230,544	232,182
1939 ...	87,474	March	86,269	187,894	230,420	229,665	232,712
1940 ...	82,111	April ...	86,222	189,566	230,920	229,328	232,788
1941 ...	87,750	May ...	86,097	192,884	232,221	228,549	233,034
1942 ...	94,538	June†	87,474	198,203	236,242	231,368	236,964
1943 ...	122,405	July ...	87,201	200,932	237,305	231,530	237,265
1944 ...	162,867	August ...	86,957	204,794	236,985	231,070	236,910
1945 ...	198,203	September	86,557	207,520	235,806	232,654	237,246
1946 ...	236,242	October	86,751	209,906	234,804	232,568	237,831
1947 ...	231,368	November	86,684	214,806	233,006	231,775	238,031
1948 ...	236,964	December	86,581	219,560	231,311	231,250	237,924

\* Amount at credit of depositors' accounts.

† Including accrued interest

SAVINGS CERTIFICATES: The net amount received from sales of certificates, less re-purchases, in New South Wales was £27,097,791 at 30th November, 1948, including £33,719 net receipts in November.

## 21. INTER-BANK CLEARINGS (SYDNEY).

(Value of cheques drawn on a Bank other than the Bank in which they were Deposited.)

Month.	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
	Amount—Million £							Index Numbers.						
January ...	66.5	107.5	114.2	120.1	142.2	171.3	191.4	98	150	152	154	196	236	282
February ...	75.5	121.2	114.1	131.8	150.2	182.0	...	96	147	149	157	194	231	...
March ...	80.5	130.1	123.4	144.1	170.0	196.4	...	93	146	145	164	193	230	...
April ...	70.7	108.4	126.2	138.9	181.8	205.9	...	98	150	154	176	218	253	...
May ...	82.0	143.5	132.6	156.7	186.4	233.1	...	100	158	160	184	229	269	...
June ...	80.3	140.1	136.0	159.2	176.9	230.1	...	101	166	169	195	236	289	...
July ...	71.2	122.9	129.7	174.9	183.5	230.3	...	98	168	167	206	229	291	...
August ...	74.9	127.4	121.0	157.3	162.4	199.3	...	99	169	168	214	227	287	...
September ...	74.9	120.9	123.4	159.4	177.0	229.7	...	99	163	166	217	232	293	...
October ...	78.0	123.7	140.4	182.2	197.3	238.2	...	100	159	166	216	234	291	...
November ...	86.1	126.3	129.7	164.1	203.8	237.2	...	102	153	164	211	243	298	...
December ...	91.7	127.6	121.7	165.6	192.2	246.5	...	106	152	159	208	243	296	...
Year ...	932.3	1499.6	1512.4	1854.3	2123.7	2,600.0	...	100	156	160	196	226	277	...

The index may be regarded as an approximate measure of changes in the volume of business transactions settled by cheques provided it is considered in conjunction with changes in price levels. It represents the ratio of each month's clearings to the average for the month concerned during the five years 1926-1930. This average is represented by 100 each month. Seasonal fluctuations have thus been eliminated. Casual fluctuations in monthly index numbers have been smoothed out by taking a three months' moving average, that is, the index shown above for each month is the average of the actual index of that month and the preceding two months. It may be compared vertically or horizontally.

The index is adjusted to eliminate the effects of Treasury Bill and other special transactions on behalf of Governments and the effects of bank amalgamations. No adjustment has been made for normal growth or change of price levels. The amounts of clearings shown are the recorded totals less Treasury Bill transactions only.

## 22. LIFE ASSURANCE—NEW POLICIES ISSUED (N.S.W.).

(Exclusive of Annuities.)

Period.	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Total Sum Assured.
	No. of Policies.	Sum Assured.	No. of Policies.	Sum Assured.	
1939—Year ...	50,520	£18,179,537	156,787	£7,539,660	25,719,197
1944 „ ...	51,278	21,037,984	110,560	7,062,191	28,100,175
1945 „ ...	53,927	23,998,758	109,862	7,512,997	31,511,755
1946 „ ...	81,677	38,077,853	128,266	9,803,114	47,880,967
1947 „ ...	96,661	43,592,919	115,892	10,475,719	54,068,638
1947—Jan.—Nov. ...	86,411	38,409,513	107,943	9,758,136	48,167,649
1948—Jan.—Nov. ...	85,571	40,997,734	109,137	10,540,718	51,538,452
August ...	8,115	4,033,273	11,688	1,143,351	5,176,624
September ...	11,802	5,594,240	11,457	1,123,950	6,718,190
October ...	6,862	3,320,373	8,479	826,742	4,147,115
November ...	7,804	3,654,829	10,546	1,029,206	4,684,035

The operations of the Government Insurance Office of N.S.W. are included above.

## 23. NEW LOANS GRANTED BY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES (N.S.W.).

(Exclusive of advances of premiums.)

Period.	On Mortgage of Real Estate.	On Companies' Policies.	Other.	Total.
1947—Year ...	£2,799,175	£788,685	£1,452,174	£5,040,034
1947—Jan.—Nov. ...	2,483,810	725,066	1,160,864	4,369,740
1948—Jan.—Nov. ...	5,248,519	786,961	2,183,336	8,218,816
August ...	277,204	90,836	183,174	551,214
September ...	416,506	77,942	186,205	680,653
October ...	302,541	67,919	150,254	520,714
November ...	1,113,661	73,716	178,306	1,365,683

The Government Insurance Office of N.S.W. is not included.

## 24. STOCK EXCHANGE INDEX (SYDNEY).

The following index of the values of the principal Company shares on Sydney Stock Exchange embraces the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales.

The prices of individual shares are unweighted, and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £ of paid-up capital. The aggregate index is the average of all the shares included in the groups with the addition of 24 miscellaneous shares. There is no base period as the index represents the ratio per cent. of the average prices of ordinary shares to their par values, adjustment being made where capital is written off or bonus shares are issued.

Month.	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	8 Public Utility Companies.	5 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	5 Insurance Companies.	Total* Companies 75.	34 Active Shares included in foregoing.
1929—April	179.3	183.8	129.4	174.1	243.5	174.4	172.6
1931—Sept.	72.3	60.2	87.9	75.2	121.3	74.4	77.2
1937—Mar.	213.8	203.8	181.0	169.2	281.2	190.4	200.5
1945—Sept. ...	242.7	207.8	170.8	146.7	264.6	195.8	210.3
1948—Jan. ...	361.4	315.5	184.7	191.7	407.8	271.5	283.7
April ...	350.9	308.6	178.0	176.1	399.7	261.8	272.3
May ...	359.1	315.1	178.4	186.7	403.5	265.9	277.1
June ...	362.7	319.6	177.2	187.6	407.0	267.7	279.4
July ...	363.4	322.1	175.0	185.2	409.2	267.6	280.0
Aug. ...	361.4	319.9	172.8	183.7	414.9	266.0	277.6
Sept. ...	359.6	316.0	173.1	184.5	414.6	264.2	276.1
Oct. ...	354.9	315.2	173.5	180.2	419.1	262.3	273.0
Nov. ...	355.0	312.0	172.5	183.0	424.3	262.4	272.9
Dec. ...	351.7	301.0	172.6	180.6	431.0	259.4	268.2
1949 Jan. ...	354.8	295.7	172.5	182.2	438.5	259.5	269.7

\* Including 24 Miscellaneous Companies. § The highest point of the index (75 Companies) prior to the slump was reached in April, 1929; the lowest point was in September, 1931. The highest point of the pre-war period was in March, 1937.



## 25. INTEREST RATES PER CENT. (N.S.W.).

Period.	Private First Mortgages Registered.*		Yield on Commonwealth Government Securities.†		Trading Banks—Rates on Fixed Deposits.			
	Urban Securities.	Rural Securities.	Short- dated.	Long- dated.	3 Months.	6 Months.	12 Months.	24 Months. ‡
			Under 5 years (a).	10 years and over (a).				
Average for year—								
1938 ... ..	5'4	5'0	3'38	3'76	2'00	2'50	2'75	3'00
1939 ... ..	5'6	5'2	3'84	3'92	2'00	2'50	2'75	3'00
1940 ... ..	5'6	5'1	3'14	3'30	1'58	2'08	2'33	2'58
			2 years (b).	12 years (b).				
1941 ... ..	5'5	4'9	2'47	3'23	1'50	1'92	2'17	2'42
1942 ... ..	5'4	4'9	2'45	3'24	1'29	1'54	1'79	2'04
1943 ... ..	5'0	4'7	2'48	3'23	1'25	1'50	1'75	2'00
1944 ... ..	5'0	4'4	2'45	3'24	0'79	1'04	1'40	1'90
1945 ... ..	4'8	4'4	2'47	3'25	0'50	0'75	1'23	1'73‡
1946 ... ..	4'5	4'3	1'90	3'24	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
1947 ... ..	4'4	4'3	2'12	3'17	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
1948 ... ..	4'4	4'3	2'27	3'16	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
Months—								
1947—December ...	4'4	4'3	2'46	3'17	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
1948—March ...	4'4	4'3	2'40	3'16	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
June ...	4'4	4'3	2'34	3'16	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
July ...	4'4	4'3	2'33	3'16	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
August ...	4'4	4'3	2'27	3'16	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
September ...	4'4	4'3	2'13	3'15	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
October ...	4'4	4'3	1'70	3'15	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
November ...	4'4	4'3	2'10	3'13	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
December ...	4'4	4'3	2'25	3'16	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50

\* Weighted average rate of interest. Monthly rate is average of three months ended month shown.

† Compiled by Commonwealth Bank as at last Wednesday in month. Interest on securities is subject to Commonwealth Income Tax (a) at rates not exceeding those in 1930, (b) at current rates.

‡ From December, 1945, rate on first £10,000 of deposits 1'50 per cent., on excess 1 per cent.

## 26. REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS (N.S.W.).

(Registered under Real Property Act and Registration of Deeds Act.)

Month	Consideration of Sales.						Amount of Mortgages.*					
	1939.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1939.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
	Thousand £.											
January ...	2,449	1,786	2,246	4,576	4,895	4,749	1,591	608	1,268	1,858	3,671	2,199
February ...	2,438	1,999	2,357	4,729	4,825	...	1,841	593	1,179	2,031	2,400	...
March ...	3,623	2,059	2,726	4,395	4,640	...	2,225	688	1,047	2,005	2,441	...
April ...	2,245	1,663	3,832	3,593	5,244	...	2,025	526	1,431	1,674	2,551	...
May ...	3,090	2,204	4,697	4,763	5,137	...	2,112	606	1,641	2,299	2,266	...
June ...	2,613	2,373	3,593	4,617	4,911	...	1,658	864	1,708	2,079	3,550	...
July ...	2,919	2,726	4,005	5,335	4,617	...	1,950	902	1,622	2,484	2,244	...
August ...	3,068	2,238	5,670	5,346	5,137	...	2,770	861	2,352	2,085	2,307	...
September ...	2,934	2,684	6,440	4,988	4,842	...	1,513	1,005	2,328	2,378	2,338	...
October ...	2,330	3,260	5,826	4,843	4,904	...	1,713	1,128	2,161	2,641	2,560	...
November ...	2,381	3,106	5,180	4,978	5,514	...	1,702	1,072	2,163	2,238	2,718	...
December ...	2,067	2,195	4,105	5,061	4,796	...	1,344	899	2,473	2,220	2,417	...
Year ...	32,157	28,293	50,677	57,224	59,462	...	22,444	9,752	21,373	25,992	31,463	...

\* Including new mortgages and renewals as registered.

NOTE.—The amounts shown relate substantially to mortgages of fixed amounts for fixed periods, and exclude fluctuating advances (such as overdrafts) secured by mortgage. Mortgages providing collateral security are included.

## 27. LIENS ON CROPS AND WOOL AND MORTGAGES ON LIVESTOCK.

(Registered under Liens on Crops and Wool and Stock Mortgages Act.)

	Month of January.			Year ended 31st December.		
	Crops.	Wool.*	Livestock.*	Crops	Wool.*	Livestock.*
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1947 ... ..	130,793	83,131	66,889	789,002	1,893,292	1,689,916
1948 ... ..	23,378	186,597	208,228	407,609	2,284,007	2,544,785
1949 ... ..	12,754	100,619	151,046	...	...	...

See note under Table 26.

\* Loans secured by both lien on wool and mortgage on sheep are included under both headings.

## SECTION F.—GENERAL.

## 28. EMPLOYMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

## WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

The estimates shown below are based on the Census of 1933 and subsequent quasi-censuses (*e.g.* Civilian Register, 1943 and Occupation Survey, 1945), and returns supplied monthly by governmental authorities and since July, 1941, by employers for purposes of Commonwealth Pay-roll Tax. Wage earners in rural industry, female domestics in private households, members of defence forces at home or abroad, and Government "relief" workers are not included.

Month.	Total Employees. (Excluding Rural Workers and Household Domestics.)			Employees in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Governmental.	Private.	Total.	Mining and Quarry- ing.	Fac- to- ries. (b)	Building and Con- struc- tion.	Transport and Communi- cation.	Retail Trade.	Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services.
	(a)	(b)	(b)							(c)
MALES. (Thousands.)										
1933—June ...	103·2	277·4	380·6	18·1	94·5	55·1	65·0	78·4		44·2
1939—July ...	136·5	393·4	529·9	24·7	158·8	57·9	77·4	44·0	59·0	56·6
1941—July ...	141·5	406·2	547·7	26·0	202·1	54·0	76·8	41·6	43·6	49·3
1943—July ...	156·9	365·2	522·1	25·1	217·8	30·1	79·9	28·7	33·4	39·6
1944—July ...	152·2	372·0	524·2	24·4	217·6	28·2	82·3	28·5	34·0	42·6
1945—July ...	156·7	384·5	541·2	24·7	216·6	34·2	86·0	30·2	35·6	45·8
1946—July ...	169·8	455·6	625·4	25·7	239·7	45·1	97·3	42·1	51·2	57·0
1947—July ...	179·0	497·7	676·7	26·7	254·8	57·0	102·7	46·6	56·7	62·9
1947—Dec. ...	181·7	506·9	688·6	27·3	256·8	57·0	103·6	50·3	58·8	64·5
1948—Feb. ...	182·9	511·0	693·9	27·6	259·3	58·1	105·3	48·6	58·6	65·2
Mar. ...	183·6	512·2	695·8	27·8	259·1	59·0	105·8	48·8	59·1	64·9
April ...	185·3	513·9	699·2	27·8	260·3	59·3	107·3	49·2	59·8	64·4
May ...	185·8	514·2	700·0	27·8	260·2	60·1	107·0	49·4	59·3	64·9
June ...	186·1	516·1	702·2	28·1	261·2	60·1	107·9	49·2	59·3	64·7
July ...	186·8	515·4	702·2	28·1	261·3	61·1	107·4	49·4	59·0	64·5
Aug. ...	187·3	516·5	703·8	28·0	261·4	61·6	107·3	49·6	59·4	64·6
Sept. ...	187·8	517·0	704·8	28·1	261·8	61·4	107·6	49·3	60·1	64·8
Oct. ...	188·0	516·7	704·7	26·4	261·4	61·9	108·3	49·4	60·5	64·8
Nov. ...	188·7	519·4	708·1	27·3	262·4	62·2	107·7	50·6	60·8	64·8
Dec. ...	189·9	520·4	710·3	27·6	261·8	61·5	108·3	52·6	61·1	65·0
FEMALES. (Thousands.)										
1933—June ...	16·8	109·0	125·8	0·1	36·3	0·3	3·7	33·6		49·4
1939—July ...	19·4	148·6	168·0	0·1	59·3	0·5	4·2	36·0	8·5	49·1
1941—July ...	21·7	196·6	218·3	0·2	76·0	0·7	8·2	41·0	17·8	60·2
1943—July ...	46·1	207·7	253·8	0·2	94·6	0·7	12·9	38·5	20·6	65·9
1944—July ...	45·6	205·4	251·0	0·2	91·6	0·7	13·8	36·3	20·7	67·7
1945—July ...	43·4	203·3	246·7	0·2	85·7	0·7	14·5	37·5	21·1	69·6
1946—July ...	32·8	210·2	243·0	0·2	83·1	0·9	12·9	39·2	21·1	73·3
1947—July ...	32·3	220·6	252·9	0·2	87·0	1·0	12·8	40·9	22·3	77·1
1947—Dec. ...	32·6	228·2	260·8	0·2	88·4	1·0	13·3	44·3	23·4	78·8
1948—Feb. ...	33·3	225·9	259·2	0·3	87·6	1·0	13·5	42·6	23·3	79·3
Mar. ...	33·4	226·7	260·1	0·2	88·4	1·0	13·5	42·7	23·6	79·0
April ...	33·2	226·4	259·6	0·2	88·0	1·0	13·2	42·7	23·4	79·6
May ...	33·6	227·1	260·7	0·2	88·4	1·1	13·6	42·9	23·5	79·6
June ...	33·6	228·3	261·9	0·2	88·8	1·1	13·9	43·0	23·8	79·6
July ...	33·4	229·3	262·7	0·2	89·7	1·1	13·8	42·8	24·5	79·2
Aug. ...	33·7	229·3	263·0	0·2	90·3	1·1	13·9	42·8	24·1	79·4
Sept. ...	33·7	232·0	265·7	0·2	91·2	1·1	13·9	43·1	24·5	80·4
Oct. ...	33·7	233·8	267·5	0·3	92·0	1·1	14·0	43·4	24·6	80·9
Nov. ...	33·9	235·8	269·7	0·3	92·5	1·1	14·0	44·8	24·8	81·0
Dec. ...	34·1	237·0	271·1	0·2	91·7	1·1	14·1	47·2	24·7	80·8
PERSONS. (Thousands.)										
1933—June ...	120·0	386·4	506·4	18·2	130·8	55·4	68·7	112·0		93·6
1939—July ...	155·9	542·0	697·9	24·8	218·1	58·4	81·6	80·0	67·5	105·7
1941—July ...	163·2	602·8	766·0	26·2	278·1	54·7	85·0	82·6	61·4	109·5
1943—July ...	203·0	572·9	775·9	25·3	312·4	30·8	92·8	67·2	54·0	105·5
1944—July ...	197·8	577·4	775·2	24·6	309·2	28·9	96·1	64·8	54·7	110·3
1945—July ...	200·1	587·8	787·9	24·9	302·3	34·9	100·5	67·7	56·7	115·4
1946—July ...	202·6	665·8	868·4	25·9	322·8	46·0	110·2	81·3	72·3	130·3
1947—July ...	211·3	718·3	929·6	26·9	341·8	58·0	115·5	87·5	79·0	140·0
1947—Dec. ...	214·3	735·1	949·4	27·5	345·2	58·0	116·9	94·6	82·2	143·3
1948—Feb. ...	216·2	736·9	953·1	27·9	346·9	59·1	118·8	91·2	81·9	144·5
Mar. ...	217·0	738·9	955·9	28·0	347·5	60·0	119·3	91·5	82·7	143·9
April ...	218·5	740·3	958·8	28·0	348·3	60·3	120·5	91·9	83·2	144·0
May ...	219·4	741·3	960·7	28·0	348·6	61·2	120·6	92·3	82·8	144·5
June ...	219·7	744·4	964·1	28·3	350·0	61·2	121·8	92·2	83·1	144·3
July ...	220·2	744·7	964·9	28·3	351·0	62·2	121·2	92·2	83·5	143·7
Aug. ...	221·0	745·8	966·8	28·2	351·7	62·7	121·2	92·4	83·5	144·0
Sept. ...	221·5	749·0	970·5	28·3	353·0	62·5	121·5	92·4	84·6	145·2
Oct. ...	221·7	750·5	972·2	26·7	353·4	63·0	122·3	92·8	85·1	145·7
Nov. ...	222·6	755·2	977·8	27·6	354·9	63·3	121·7	95·4	85·6	145·8
Dec. ...	224·0	757·4	981·4	27·8	353·5	62·6	122·4	99·8	85·8	145·8

- (a) Employees of Commonwealth, State and Local Governmental Authorities and of Allied Governments.  
 (b) Exclusive of Working Proprietors. From July, 1947, subject to revision.  
 (c) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services.

## 29. CONSUMPTION OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

Index of Monthly Sales of Gas and Electricity (Sydney).  
(Based on number of units each equal to 3.412 British Thermal Units.)

Month.	Average, 1929 to 1931.	1929.	1932.	1936.	1939.	1942.	1943	1944	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
January ...	100	103	95	110	125	141	164	155	173	165	170	198
February ...	100	105	95	112	125	145	159	161	174	181	201	208
March ...	100	102	95	111	130	146	164	165	171	185	199	212
April ...	100	104	96	110	125	147	164	162	172	189	198	218
May ...	100	106	95	110	128	144	166	172	178	192	198	203
June ...	100	103	99	114	131	154	174	176	176	197	208	214
July ...	100	105	97	12	134	158	171	177	184	195	212	199
August ...	100	106	97	107	135	157	181	181	177	195	212	214
September ...	100	108	97	113	134	158	171	172	180	201	214	223
October ...	100	109	96	113	135	163	162	169	174	203	211	216
November ...	100	109	97	116	136	161	164	171	179	200	214	226
December ...	100	105	99	116	131	165	163	169	123	180	214	222
Year ...	100	105	96	112	131	154	167	170	172	191	204	213

The base for each month is the average sales in the corresponding month of the three years,  
1929 to 1931.

## 30. PRICES OF METALS.

Average Monthly Prices of Metals (Export Parity f.o.b. Australia) in Australian Currency.

Period.	Silver (Standard).		Lead.		Zinc (Electrolytic).		Tin (Standard).		Gold (Fine).	
	per oz.		per ton.		per ton.		per ton.		per oz.	
	s.	d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1932 ...	2	0.14	17	12 11	19	12 10	228	11 10	8	17 1
1939 ...	2	1.42	17	12 1	19	15 3	268	3 6	9	14 4
1940 ...	2	2.95	18	14 6	22	9 11	292	19 8	10	13 1
1941 ...	2	4.26	19	11 4	22	12 11	295	1 6	10	13 8
1942 ...	2	4.66	21	9 9	22	2 11	285	9 1	10	9 1
1943 ...	2	4.63	22	19 2	23	15 2	283	1 6	10	9 0
1944 ...	2	4.63	26	3 0	24	9 4	335	7 2	10	10 1
1945 ...	2	10.59	34	10 10	37	6 4	350	9 0	10	13 10
1946 ...	4	8.02	56	8 6	55	0 2	414	19 0	10	15 10
1947 ...	4	4.27	90	2 0	67	6 4	505	12 2	10	15 3
1947—January ...	5	4.17	77	14 10	66	1 1	454	1 7	10	15 3
February ...	4	3.42	79	5 5	65	11 4	454	1 7	10	15 3
March ...	4	6.44	81	18 1	68	3 8	454	1 7	10	15 3
April ...	4	4.98	93	15 11	68	9 8	523	12 10	10	15 3
May ...	4	3.04	96	0 1	68	9 8	523	12 10	10	15 3
June ...	3	11.75	94	3 0	64	16 4	523	12 10	10	15 3
July ...	3	8.90	93	1 5	67	3 7	523	12 10	10	15 3
August ...	3	9.40	92	3 0	67	3 7	523	12 10	10	15 3
September ...	4	1.07	93	14 7	65	4 7	521	14 3	10	15 3
October ...	4	4.96	93	15 2	68	17 6	521	14 3	10	15 3
November ...	4	8.56	92	3 11	68	17 6	521	14 3	10	15 3
December ...	4	8.56	93	9 0	68	17 6	521	14 3	10	15 3
1948—January ...	4	7.85	94	13 3	68	17 6	612	5 3	10	15 3
February ...	4	7.58	92	3 9	68	17 6	622	13 4	10	15 3
March ...	4	9.87	98	6 4	68	17 6	622	13 4	10	15 3
April ...	4	9.87	102	5 3	79	10 0	622	13 4	10	15 3
May ...	4	9.87	103	11 5	79	10 0	622	13 4	10	15 3
June ...	5	3.07	109	16 2	79	10 0	684	4 6	10	15 3
July ...	4	6.06	116	12 2	79	10 0	684	4 6	10	15 3
August ...	5	1.66	116	10 10	79	10 0	684	4 6	10	15 3
September ...	5	1.94	115	0 8	79	15 5	684	4 6	10	15 3
October ...	5	2.23	127	9 4	81	8 4	684	4 6	10	15 3
November ...	5	1.65	126	10 11	80	3 4	684	4 6	10	15 3

**31. RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—SYDNEY.**

(Base: Weighted Average for 6 Capital Cities in 1923-27 = 1,000.)

Quarter.	Food and Groceries.	Rent—4 and 5 rooms.	Clothing.	Miscellaneous Items.	Total Household Expenditure.	
					Index Number.	Increase from Sept. Quarter, 1939
						Per cent.
1939—September ...	930	1,039	841	939	933	...
1940—September ...	945	1,042	948	996	973	4'3
1941—September ...	947	1,043	1,129	1,062	1,027	10'1
1942—September ...	1,061	1,042	1,337	1,105	1,122	20'3
1943—March* ...	1,050	1,042	1,408	1,145	1,141	22'3
June† ...	1,065	1,042	1,479	1,162	1,165	24'9
1944—June ...	1,025	1,043	1,437	1,172	1,143	22'5
1945—September ...	1,042	1,043	1,412	1,163	1,142	22'4
December ...	1,029	1,043	1,459	1,163	1,147	22'9
1946—March ...	1,035	1,043	1,463	1,167	1,151	23'4
June... ...	1,042	1,043	1,510	1,171	1,165	24'9
September ...	1,032	1,043	1,537	1,168	1,167	25'1
December ...	1,047	1,043	1,555	1,175	1,177	26'2
1947—March ...	1,097	1,044	1,532	1,186	1,192	27'8
June ...	1,096	1,044	1,540	1,187	1,194	28'0
September ...	1,109	1,044	1,579	1,244	1,218	30'5
December ...	1,139	1,045	1,639	1,245	1,242	33'1
1948—March ...	1,192	1,046	1,674	1,247	1,270	36'1
June ...	1,235	1,046	1,748	1,267	1,305	39'9
September ...	1,279	1,047	1,811	1,279	1,337	43'3
December ...	1,326	1,047	1,831	1,279	1,359	45'7

\* Price stabilisation level.

† War-time peak.

**32. BASIC WAGE—INDUSTRIAL AWARDS.**

Amount per week—Adult Males.

Year.	Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong—Port Kembla.*				Crown Employees (All Districts).			
	February.	May.	August.	November.	February.	May.	August.	November.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
†1939 ...	81 0	82 0	81 0	82 0	80 0	80 0	80 0	80 0
1940 ...	82 0	83 0	85 0	85 0	81 0	81 0	83 0	84 0
1941 ...	88 0	88 0	89 0	80 0	86 0	87 0	87 0	88 0
1942 ...	91 0	93 0	95 0	97 0	90 0	92 0	94 0	96 0
1943 ...	98 0	98 0	100 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	99 0	98 0
1944 ...	99 0	99 0	99 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	97 0	98 0
1945 ...	99 0	98 0	98 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	97 0	97 0
1946 ...	99 0	99 0	100 0	{ 101 0 108 0†	98 0	98 0	99 0	{ 99 0 106 0†
1947 ...	108 0	110 0	110 0	112 0	107 0	108 0	109 0	111 0
1948 ...	114 0	116 0	120 0	122 0	113 0	115 0	118 0	121 0
1949 ...	124 0	...	...	...	123 0	...	...	...

\* In other districts, except Broken Hill, the rates were 3s. less.

† Special increase 7s., December, 1946 (Interim judgment of Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration).

‡ In 1939 quarterly variations commenced in March, June, September and December.

POPULATION—Estimated, 30th June, 1948:—New South Wales, Males, 1,513,563; Females, 1,511,756; Persons, 3,025,319—39'4 per cent. of population of Australia. Sydney and Suburbs (Census 30th June, 1947), 1,484,004.

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